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Gorbachev named party boss soon after Chernenko's death

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union yesterday announced the death of President Konstantin Chernenko and quickly named Mikhail Gorbachev, the youngest member of the Politburo, to replace him as Communist Party chief.



Mikhail Gorbachev

The change, whose rapidly took outsiders by surprise, marked a shift in power from the elderly elite to a younger generation.

It followed the shortest tenure of a Soviet leader in history — just under 13 months — and marked the end of what western diplomats had seen as a period of transition following the death of Leonid Brezhnev in November 1982.

Gorbachev becomes the seventh head of the Soviet party, but it was not known if he also would assume the secondary post of chairman of the presidium of the Supreme Soviet — the nation's equivalent of president. (Gorbachev profile page 4.)

Chernenko died on Sunday of lung and liver disease at age 73, the party, government and parliament announced yesterday. Official bulletins said he would be buried in Red Square on Wednesday after a relatively brief lying-in-state in Moscow's House of Unions. (Obituary page 5.)

His death cut the Politburo to 10 full members, five of whom are over 70. Western Kremlin experts said it was the lowest level on the top body in recent memory.

The death announcement was delayed for almost 19 hours, but Moscow quickly went into mourning, with radio broadcasts continuing the somber classical music that had started in early morning.

Black-draped flags were hung by crews working under sunny skies with relatively warm minus-6 degrees centigrade temperatures.

Chernenko's portrait was placed on the front of the House of Unions and window displays were hurriedly cleared to make way for black-bordered portraits of the late president. Police squads began sealing off the area around the House of Un-

ions, which will be tightly restricted until after the funeral.

A medical bulletin issued by the government confirmed reports that Chernenko had long suffered from the lung disease emphysema and said his illness was complicated by chronic hepatitis. He died at 7:20 p.m. Sunday "against the background of worsening hepatic, pulmonary and cardiac insufficiency."

The first indications that Gorbachev would be named general secretary came when the official news agency Tass announced that he would head Chernenko's funeral commission. Chernenko performed that function for Yuri Andropov when he died in February 1984, and Andropov earlier arranged Brezhnev's funeral.

Tass said Gorbachev was elected unanimously at an extraordinary meeting of the party central committee after being put before the committee by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. But the quick move made it clear the decision had been made during Chernenko's long illness.

Andropov was not named to replace Brezhnev until two days after the Brezhnev died and one day after the

announcement was made to the world. When Andropov died, the announcement was made on a Friday and the weekend passed before Soviet officials named Chernenko as successor.

At the time, western analysts had thought the top party job might go to a younger man, and Gorbachev's name featured prominently in their speculation. But the Kremlin instead named Chernenko in what was viewed as a transitional move.

In becoming general secretary, Gorbachev vaults over the heads of more senior men on the Politburo, including Premier Nikolai Tikhonov, Gromyko and Moscow party chief Viktor Grishin.

It also appeared to be a triumph in the reported rivalry between Gorbachev and Politburo member Grigori Romanov, 62. Some western diplomats say the two men vied to succeed Andropov and that Chernenko was a possible compromise enforced by the older ranks on the Politburo.

Under Chernenko, Gorbachev became increasingly visible and appeared to have taken over important ideological and foreign-policy duties as well as continuing in his economic posts.

His positioning at public events in the Politburo line-up over the past year led most western diplomats to label him the second man in the Kremlin. Pravda editor Viktor Afanasyev called him "the second secretary."

Gorbachev visited Britain last December in a highly publicized trip that brought him more fully into the international spotlight and presented a new image to the West — that of a younger, more polished Soviet leader.

But after coming up under Brezhnev and his mentor, Andropov, Gorbachev would not seem likely to take any radical turns in Soviet policy. He is, however, considered to be a stronger supporter of Andropov's

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IDF 'iron fist' raid on Zrariyah aimed to pre-empt Shi'ite attack

34 terrorists killed in assault

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA — Thirty-four terrorists were killed yesterday as the Israel Defence Forces carried out searches in the Shi'ite town of Zrariyah, clashing with Lebanese Army troops there.

For the IDF it was the biggest operation since the controversial "Iron Fist" policy was put into effect.

Zrariyah, northeast of Tyre in the western sector, is one kilometre north of the Litani River, to which the IDF withdrew last month.

IDF sources said that since the withdrawal terrorists have used the town as a base for attacks against the IDF. Rocket-propelled grenades, mortars and Katyusha rockets have been fired across the river from the town, whose position on the northern bank of the Litani has helped the terrorists.

A large Israeli force entered the town at dawn. It had orders not to shoot at Lebanese Army soldiers unless fired on. Reuter reported Lebanese sources as saying that Israeli troops landed by helicopter.

When the IDF entered Zrariyah, Lebanese soldiers opened fire with RPGs and light arms. Local residents also fired from rooftops in a bid to halt the Israeli advance.

The IDF returned fire. After the area was under control, all males were collected in the town square. Much ammunition and many weapons were found, and several houses that had served terrorists were demolished.

Among the terrorists killed was the commander of a cell responsible for killing Lieutenant-Colonel Avraham Elran two months ago.

The IDF force left the town after completing its mission.

AP reported that the Zrariyah operation lasted throughout the day. Israeli troops pulled out just before sundown, covering their retreat with smoke bombs. Reporters waiting in nearby villages along with Lebanese and International Red Cross teams then entered the battered town of 8,000-10,000 inhabitants.

At least 12 bodies lay in or outside bullet-riddled cars, AP said. Earlier, a Reuters reporter said he had visited Zrariyah yesterday with a group of journalists after the third major clash between the Israeli and Lebanese armies since the IDF began withdrawing from South Lebanon.

Houses blazed and bursts of automatic-weapons fire crackled as IDF squads still moved through the streets. The dead bodies of two people in civilian clothes lay beside a burnt-out car.

"As we continued into the village," the Reuter reporter wrote, "the machine-gun fire from a nearby Israeli position erupted and bullets splattered into the ground near our feet."

Seconds later, the ground shook as a tank cannon shell hit, throwing three reporters off their feet. The shell created a hailstorm of flying stones and debris and brought down nearby power lines.

"We lay on the ground for seven minutes, then fled. In a nearby village a Lebanese Red Cross worker said he had been told by the Israelis not to approach Zrariyah."

Lebanese military sources said the Israelis attacked Zrariyah at dawn under cover of tank and machine-gun fire. Lebanese troops near the village opened fire but failed to stop the attack, Reuters said.

At 2 p.m. local time Israeli troops (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

No change planned in pace of pullback

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

The Israel Defence Forces' raid against the Shi'ite village of Zrariyah yesterday was not in retaliation for Sunday's bloody massacre in southern Lebanon. The IDF's policy in Lebanon, *The Jerusalem Post* was told last night.

Speaking on Israel Television last night, Chief of General Staff Rav-Alut Moshe Levy said the action was based on prior intelligence that the Shi'ites were massing a military force in the village to be used against the IDF, and that the raid was intended to preclude this.

According to senior military and defence ministry sources who spoke to *The Post* yesterday, Israel will not alter either its timetable or its policy in Lebanon as a result of Sunday's attack.

The schedule of late May for the end of the second stage and late August for the final pullback to the international border was decided by the military, and is based on logistic-

al and tactical decisions, not political ones, Levy stressed.

He said that no matter how heavy the price of the incident on Sunday, it would be folly to undertake hasty moves now for which we could pay a multiple price later.

The IDF, Levy said, would withdraw according to the operational plan that had been drawn up to ensure a safe withdrawal and security along the northern border. He added that any modifications of this plan would be based on considerations as they arose.

The position of the defence establishment is that Israel has presented a timetable for withdrawal, that this timetable is a function of military considerations, and that until it is completed the IDF will use all legitimate means to protect itself.

Sources close to Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin told *The Post* last night that Rabin is assured of cabinet approval for his position, despite a call by some ministers and Knesset members to withdraw immediately.

"It is simply impossible to do so (pull back at once)," *The Post* was told. The sources explained that it was not only a question of removing from Lebanon infrastructure that had accumulated over 30 months, but primarily a question of guaran-

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Report by Zamir says: Top police officer perjured himself

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Southern District Police Commander Avraham Turgeman apparently perjured himself during legal proceedings against a former subordinate, according to a report by Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir that calls for disciplinary proceedings against Turgeman. *The Jerusalem Post* has learned.

The attorney-general's recommendations went to Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev, but the minister has no judicial authority in the matter. According to police regulations, it is the inspector-general who must sit in judgement on a subordinate of Turgeman's rank.

The recommendation for disciplinary proceedings against an officer of Turgeman's rank is unprecedented in the force.

Turgeman was unavailable last night for comment. But high-ranking police sources confirmed that Turgeman was being pressured to leave the force immediately after a proceeding, if one is held.

A spokesman for Bar-Lev said that the minister would study the report before taking any action.

This isn't a matter of debatable judgement. This is perjury by an officer of the highest ranks of the force," said a source in the police internal investigations department.

Zamir's recommendations came after Bar-Lev sought a legal opinion



Avraham Turgeman (Dan Landau)

regarding conflicting testimony given by Turgeman and Chief Inspector Avi Raz during the trial of Assistant Commander Assaf Hefetz, formerly of the elite Tel Aviv central detective unit.

Raz had alleged that Turgeman gave orders to permit a newspaper reporter to interview a suspect in the Hafez museum robbery. Turgeman, then Tel Aviv district commander, denied the accusation.

Both officers took lie detector tests several weeks ago. Zamir's recommendations, confirmed to *The Post* last night by high-ranking police

sources, are based on polygraph evidence, that Turgeman apparently failed the test.

Turgeman has been a controversial commander. He was appointed to head the southern district in one of the last steps taken by former interior minister Yosef Burg. Burg had long indicated his intention of one day naming the stocky police officer as inspector-general.

But when Bar-Lev took over the Police Ministry, he named David Krause, who replaced Turgeman as Tel Aviv commander, to succeed Inspector-General Arye Ivztan when Ivztan leaves the force on April 1.

One of many unanswered questions last night was which inspector-general will try Turgeman.

Sources in the police internal investigations bureau last night described the situation as "no-win for the force."

A top-ranking source said: "If he resigns without a disciplinary hearing, it will look like a cover-up."

"If he tries to fight a disciplinary hearing it will look twice as bad, and it would be ridiculous for the inspector-general to sit in judgement on an officer on his immediate staff," said the source, who in the past has been identified with Turgeman in the various "wars of the police commanders" that erupted during Ivztan's term.



Simcha Holzberg, "the father of the wounded soldiers," visits one of the victims of Sunday's car-bomb attack and a relative right after the soldier's operation at Sheba Medical Centre at Tel Hashomer.

(Andre Bruttman)

Bitterness, determination at funerals of 12 soldiers

Amid scenes of bitterness and determination, the 12 Israeli soldiers killed on Sunday in the suicide bombing near the northern border were buried yesterday.

Private Moshe Dahan, 19, was mourned by thousands at his funeral in Holon. The Chief Chaplain of the Israel Defence Forces, Aluf Gad Navon, officiated at the ceremony, at which many wept and some shouted, "Get out of Lebanon." Dahan, who graduated from the local ORT school, is survived by his parents and a 10-year-old brother.

In Acre, Danny Melamed was buried at a ceremony attended by family, friends and army comrades. Melamed, 20, was born in Moscow and came to Israel in 1973 with his parents. He was a superior student and was exempted from IDF service to continue his studies in aeronautical engineering. Three months ago, however, he volunteered and was inducted.

Melamed is survived by his parents and two sisters, who live in Mizpeh Tel-El in Galilee. A friend attending the funeral of

Alexander Schneiderman in Carmiel said that Schneiderman told him before leaving for his last stint of reserve service that "I won't leave Lebanon alive." Schneiderman, 27, came to this country in 1973. He worked as a taxi driver. His wife, two children and parents survive him.

Some 10,000 Druse from Galilee and Mt. Carmel, as well as many kibbutz members, came to the funeral of Corporal Mohammed Hatth Zuhair Rukun, 19, in Beit Jann. Village council head Shafik Assad said at the graveside: "Lebanon has

given us nothing but drugs and murder. We have to deliver one smashing blow and get out."

Rukun was the thirteenth resident of the village to be killed while serving with the IDF in Lebanon. Several mourners complained about the failure of any government official to be present at the burial.

Rukun is survived by his parents, three sisters and two brothers. Private Giora Maman, 18, was buried at Kiryat Ata. The youngest

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Irani jets bomb Baghdad

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran announced yesterday its acceptance of a proposal by UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to halt attacks against civilian targets as of midnight last night, the official Iranian news agency, *Irna*, reported.

The announcement came a few hours after an Iranian joint-staff communiqué reported that Iranian Air Force jets had bombed Baghdad, the Iraqi capital, killing 13 persons, and that Iraqi jets had made an unsuccessful attempt to bomb Teheran, the Iranian capital, in retaliation.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said in a cabled

message to Perez de Cuellar that Iran agrees to halt its attacks but will continue retaliatory attacks "with full force" if Iraq opposes the cease-fire proposal.

Last Saturday, Perez de Cuellar expressed "disarray" that both Iran and Iraq had ignored his first appeal on March 6 to desist from hitting civilian targets. He renewed the call to the warring sides to respect the June 12, 1984 agreement he had worked out barring them from attacking residential areas.

The Iranian communiqué said Iranian jets struck at "pre-determined" points in Baghdad, inflicting heavy casualties and damage.

Eyewitnesses reached by tele-

phone in Baghdad said the raiding jets rocketed and strafed the three residential areas of Kasra, Atash and Saddam City, killing at least 13 persons and wounding scores of others.

Iran said two Iraqi Air Force jets appeared over Teheran, but were chased away by Iranian fighters.

An early morning Iraqi air raid yesterday on the city of Bakhtaran (formerly Kermanshah), killed at least 80 persons, wounded more than 600 others, and destroyed more than 200 houses.

The Iraqis also bombed and damaged facilities at Port Khomeini (formerly Bandar Shapur) on the northern tip of the Persian Gulf, *Irna* said.

Iran said Iran's Japanese-built petrochemical complex at Port Khomeini has sustained damage because of an Iraqi air raid, but gave no further details.

Meanwhile, Iran said the number of casualties in Tabriz, capital of West Azarbaijan province, which was bombed by the Iraqis from the air on Sunday, reached 29 persons killed and 130 wounded.

In Sanandaj, Iranian Kurdistan, 100 were killed as a result of Sunday's air raids, *Irna* added.

Israel tells U.S. Ethiopians won't be settled in territories

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israel has promised the U.S. that it will not settle newcomers from Ethiopia in the administered territories.

The U.S. recently asked the Israel government for clarifications of reports that newly arrived Jews from

Ethiopia were being settled in the West Bank.

American officials confirmed last night that such a request had been made recently but would not add any details.

The U.S. government gives Israel \$15 million a year through the AID programme for resettlement of Jew-

ish refugees, and will not permit this money to be used in West Bank settlements, to which it is opposed.

Government officials in Jerusalem said last night, in response to a question, that Israel has assured the U.S. that the Ethiopian olim are not being sent to West Bank settlements. The Ethiopian Jews who do live in Kiryat Arba are not newcom-

ers, the officials said.

Haim Aharon, head of the Jewish Agency Aliya Department, had declared in a recent interview that Israel will settle the Ethiopian olim wherever it sees fit, including Judea and Samaria. This, and other statements by Israeli officials, apparently evoked the American request for clarifications.

Tourist comes to Israel laden with gold

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA — An Australian tourist was arrested in the port on Sunday on charges of smuggling 20 kilograms of gold ingots into the country.

The 45-year-old visitor, arrived in the passenger ship m.s. Sol Phryne, and was found with gold concealed in his clothing.

The haul, estimated at \$250,000, was confiscated and the man was brought to court and remanded for 48 hours for further questioning.

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The weather at major Swissair destinations

	MIN.	C	F	MAX.	WIND
AMSTERDAM	4	9	48	16	Clear
BRUSSELS	4	9	48	16	Clear
BRUXELLES	4	9	48	16	Clear
CHICAGO	9	32	84	41	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	4	39	92	50	Snow
FRANKFURT	1	34	93	44	Clear
GENEVA	2	36	94	45	Cloudy
HELSINKI	1	34	93	44	Cloudy
HONG KONG	10	50	122	61	Cloudy
JERUSALEM	13	55	131	72	Clear
LONDON	18	64	145	79	Clear
MADRID	7	45	113	63	Clear
MONTREAL	7	45	113	63	Clear
MOSCOW	4	39	92	50	Cloudy
OSLO	1	34	93	44	Clear
PARIS	5	41	106	54	Cloudy
ROME	10	50	122	61	Cloudy
SAPPALE	19	66	151	80	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	5	41	106	54	Snow
TORONTO	1	34	93	44	Snow
TURIN	9	48	118	58	Cloudy
ZURICH	2	36	94	45	Cloudy

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THE WEATHER

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	Yesterday's	Today's	Max
Jerusalem	11	18	16
Golan	11	18	16
Safed	16	24	15
Haifa Port	17	24	22
Tiberias	19	24	23
Nazareth	16	24	23
Afula	16	24	22
Shomron	17	24	22
Tel Aviv	17	24	22
B-G Airport	22	24	22
Jericho	24	24	24
Gaza	24	24	24
Beersheba	9	24	24
Eilat	8	24	27

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Deputy Knesset Speaker Dov Ben-Meir hosted a dinner yesterday in honour of a delegation of the Bavarian Landtag (State Parliament), headed by the president of the Landtag, Dr. Franz Heuble. The group also met the chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee Abba Eban and members of the Knesset Israeli-German Friendship Association.

The second international Young Jewish Leadership Assembly opened yesterday at the Moriah Hotel in Sdom with 200 young people from the Diaspora and Israel attending. The main speech was delivered by Arye Dulin, Jewish Agency Executive chairman.

ARRIVALS

The B'nai B'rith Canada Senior Leadership Delegation, to participate in meetings with government and Jewish Agency leadership. The group will also dedicate a new medical clinic in Jerusalem and participate in a special memorial meeting at Yad Vashem to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust.

The delegation: Allan Borden, Pres. B'nai B'rith Canada; Frank Dimant, Executive Vice Pres.; Charles Goldlust, National Vice Pres.; Judge Herbert Levy, Hon. Executive Vice Pres.; William Morris, Vice Pres. B'nai B'rith International; Michael Rosenberg, Chairman Israel Cabinet; Frank Wilson, Pres. Toronto Regional Council; Martin Peters, Sportsman Lodge B'nai B'rith Canada; Zeev Sherer, Community Volunteer Service Chairman; Morris Sideman, Winnipeg Lodge B'nai B'rith Canada; Eddy Saks, Boulder, Jerusalem Clinic.

DEPARTURES

Energy and Infrastructure Minister Moshe Shalit, to Paris, to continue talks on the purchase of an atomic reactor by Israel from France.

Knesset Member Meir Wilner (Democratic Front for Peace and Equality), to Moscow, to participate in the funeral of Konstantin Chernenko.

Hagana and IDF veteran Zalman Mart

Zalman Mart, a veteran of the Israel Defence Forces, the pre-state Hagana and the Mandatory super-numerary police, was buried yesterday in the Kiryat Shaul cemetery. He died over the weekend.

In 1941 Mart accompanied Moshe Dayan on a mission into Vichy-held Lebanon that was intended to prepare routes for a British invasion. During an exchange of fire with Vichy forces Dayan was wounded in his left eye, and Mart bandaged him and saved his life.

Mart held various positions during the War of Independence, and remained in the IDF until the middle 1960s, retiring with the reserve rank of lieutenant-colonel. Among other posts, he was military governor of the Taiba-Tira area. After leaving the IDF he worked in aliyah and absorption.

Worker fatally injured by packaging machine

KIRYAT MALACHI (Iltim). - A 22-year-old plastics factory worker died yesterday from wounds in his chest suffered when he was hit by a packaging machine.

The man, Nissim Haleliu, was taken to Kaplan Hospital but died on the way. A committee has been formed to investigate the circumstances of the death.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Rabin delays plan to axe military industry staff

By ROY ISACOWITZ
TEL AVIV. - Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday postponed the dismissal of some 4,000 workers in the Israel Military Industries, according to a spokesman for the Histadrut.

Their fate will now be decided by a new committee that Rabin agreed should be established to study the problem of planned job cuts in the IMI.

The committee will comprise representatives of the Defence Ministry, the IMI and the Defence Workers Union.

Rabin was told yesterday in a meeting with Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar that the Histadrut opposed the government's policy of cutting budgets without providing growth opportunities.

The meeting followed the announcement by the IMI management that some 4,000 workers would be dismissed as a result of cuts in the defence budget.

Kessar told Rabin that the dismissals could be avoided by increasing orders from the defence industries, increasing exports, and improving output and productivity.

Defence Workers Union secretary Shalom Habshush said that the workers were prepared to improve productivity.

Habshush added that his union's executive would soon meet to decide on ways of opposing the threatened dismissals.

David Rudge adds: The Haifa Labour Council yesterday urged Rabin to prevent the proposed dismissal of more than 1,000 employees of Rafael, as the Defence Ministry's Armaments Development Authority is known in its Hebrew acronym.

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Shamir: Israel not opposed to Spain joining market

BRUSSELS (AP). - Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir yesterday told leading European Commission members that Israel did not oppose Spain's and Portugal's joining the European Community, but did not wish to be the victim of the enlargement and wanted to avoid its negative effects, a commission spokeswoman said.

Shamir stressed that Israel's farm exports were a political problem, since agriculture employs a large part of the Israeli population. He pleaded for maintaining traditional trade flows with the EC.

He particularly pressed for cutting EC tariffs on Israeli flowers, asking for a concrete commitment from the EC.

European Commissioner for the Mediterranean Claude Cheysson

told Shamir he will try soon to make proposals on EC relations with the Mediterranean area. He added, however, that his proposals would only be guidelines.

Cheysson's proposals will first have to be adopted by the 14-member European Commission and then submitted to the deciding EC Council of Ministers.

Shamir also repeated his country's wish for guarantees on its exports before Spain and Portugal join the community. But Cheysson renewed the EC position that enlargement must be achieved before relations with Mediterranean countries are reviewed.

Spain is a large producer of the same fruits and vegetables as Israel, and the EC is Israel's main trading partner.

34 TERRORISTS

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were sealed off the approaches to Zrariyah, while Lebanese troops were regrouping six kilometres to the west.

From Beirut, Reuters reported that a dozen Shi'ite and Druze militiamen took up positions along part of the seafront promenade, backed up by three truck-mounted anti-aircraft cannons; as rumours swept the city of foreign gunboats patrolling off the coast.

No warships were visible from Beirut.
"This is a security mobilization," one gunman from the Shi'ite Amal militia told Reuters. "We think Israel or maybe even forces from the (U.S. aircraft carrier) Eisenhower may try landing."

Security sources said gunmen drove through the streets of mainly Moslem West Beirut ordering shops to shut. The gunmen explained that Israeli landing craft were nearing Beirut. They said many shopkeepers

complained with the order. Reuters also said that an anonymous telephone caller said yesterday that suicide groups would launch a massive attack in "occupied Palestinian territory" unless Israel withdrew its troops from south Lebanese villages within 12 hours.

The caller, saying he spoke for the "National and Islamic Resistance Movement," told a Western news agency in Beirut: "We warn Israel to lift the siege of Zrariyah, Jarjura, Arzay, Jbeil al-Halwah, Kafri Kila and other villages and withdraw to rear lines within 12 hours."

If our demands are not met, our suicide groups will embark on their biggest earthquake, unprecedented throughout the world, within occupied Palestinian territory," he warned.

The organization he said he spoke for is thought to be a loose coalition of Moslem fundamentalists - Amal Shi'ite Moslem guerrillas and Leftists in Lebanon.

PULLBACK PACE

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flayed by Minister without Portfolio Yosef Shapiro (Morasha) as "demoralizing." Industry and Trade Minister Ariel Sharon, saying that he was "as grieved as anyone over the casualties," warned that "we have a problem - and running away won't solve it."

He said he had put forward proposals in the cabinet that would "enable the IDF to solve the problem," but he would not elaborate.

To the right of the government, Tebiya Knesset Member Rafael Eitan, the former chief of general staff, urged that Israel dig in along the Litani-Hasbaya line (that is, the line demarcating the second phase) "so that this war with the Shi'ites should not be fought on the backs of our children in Galilee."

The prime minister, it is understood, was disturbed by the divergent ministerial pronouncements made so soon after Sunday's

tragedy. He has made it clear that the immediate aftermath of the attack is not the proper time to discuss - certainly not in public - the pros and cons of speeding up the pullout.

Asher Wallfish adds: The government will make a special statement in the Knesset tomorrow about Shi'ite terror.

The government statement comes in place of 10 urgent motions for the agenda requested by most factions in the House.

Almost every wing of the political spectrum intends to have its say tomorrow in the debate that will follow the government statement.

In the Knesset, the Mapam faction expressed its condolences to the bereaved families and condemned the terrorist outrage. It called on the government to rise above "unacceptable considerations" of prestige and political conditions, and carry out the withdrawal as rapidly as possible.

Ran Cohen (Citizens Rights Movement) urged that phase two of the withdrawal be cut to three or four weeks in the eastern sector, and that phase three start at once.

The "abortive 'iron fist' policy that stirs up Shi'ite vengeance" should be halted, Cohen said in a statement to reporters.

Yosef Sarid (Citizens Rights Movement) volunteered yesterday to be drafted to serve in Lebanon. Members of Knesset are exempt from military service.

Labour-contract bill passes first reading

Post Knesset Reporter
A labour-contract bill that protects unorganized workers passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday.

The bill will not have much effect on labour relations in organized places of work, where collective agreements generally provide for more than the minimum conditions laid down in the bill.

However, by formally providing, for example, that a worker may be dismissed only for "sufficient reason," it safeguards unorganized workers' jobs.

Return of Moda'i should trigger new price-freeze talks

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter
Package Deal II is falling apart and sooner or later a general price freeze will have to be imposed again. That is the growing feeling among the parties to the latest accord.

Sources close to the Histadrut told The Jerusalem Post that the labour federation is likely to support any move to reintroduce a freeze similar to the one existing during Package Deal I.

Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i returns today from the U.S. and it is expected that deliberations concerning major changes in the terms of Package Deal II will start in earnest.

Economics and Planning Minister Gad Ya'acobi has already called for a reintroduction of the price freeze, apparently with the blessing of fellow Labour Party ministers.

In a related development, Knesset Finance Committee chairman Avraham Shapira yesterday adopted a proposal by Herut MK Yehoshua Matza not even to discuss a request by the Energy Ministry to raise the price of electricity by 35 per cent until Energy Minister Moshe Shahal apologizes to the committee for his recent verbal attacks.

The ministry had announced last week that it would not seek the

committee's approval for further price increases, after it refused to vote on a 35 per cent proposed hike. In its statement, the ministry sharply criticized the committee and charged that the MKs were causing losses to the national economy.

The Post Knesset reporter adds:

Alignment MK and Histadrut Secretary-General Yisrael Kessar was scheduled yesterday to present a motion for the agenda on "the government's violation of the package deal."

The coalition executive invoked Rule 78, which authorizes the Speaker to block a motion for the

agenda on a subject that has been dealt with by the Knesset within the past four weeks.

Since the package deal figured in last week's no-confidence motions, and since the Knesset is due to rise for its Pessah recess on March 27, this would have killed Kessar's motion until it was meaningless.

But it was pointed out that Rule 78 makes an exception: "unless changes have meanwhile occurred that justify a new discussion of the same matter."

Kessar could have insisted on presenting his motion yesterday, but he agreed to defer it to next Monday.



Shandy, who plays "Schecker" on the Electric Corporation's TV spot, lounges on a chair while Tulip, from TV's Shminot Ba'ayit, promotes the new issue of Dog Pages. (Udi Enns)

Local dogs to show their stuff at Saturday's Int'l Dog Show

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. - People need dogs today for psychological and sociological reasons, as much as they ever needed them in the past for work, hunting and guarding, Israeli Kennel Club chairman Professor Zeev Trainin told reporters yesterday.

He was announcing the International Dog Show at Gan Hashlosha (Sachne) this Saturday.

Some 700 dogs and 10,000 spectators are expected at the annual dog show, organized by the Kennel Club as a whole-day happening. Trainin said the dog show is part of an Israeli tradition that can be traced back to June 19, 1942. As German field marshal Erwin Rommel's troops were approaching El Alamein, a dog show was held in Jerusalem. "It must

have helped people retain their sanity in those troubled times," he said.

"Today, too, our regard for dogs and their regard for us reminds us that different, saner relations are possible among human beings as well," Trainin said.

The Israeli Kennel Club, which incorporates 20 clubs and groups that raise and train dogs, has just issued Dog Pages, a dog lover's version of the Yellow Pages. The book consists of updated information about feeding, raising and looking after dogs, including the treatment of common canine ailments. It has photographs of 150 dog breeds, including the Canaan dog, a breed developed in Israel and exported. Israel also exports two kinds of Schnauzers to Germany, where this breed originates.

14 soldiers wounded by car bomb still hospitalized

Jerusalem Post Staff

Two of the soldiers wounded in Sunday's car-bombing attack in South Lebanon were flown by helicopter yesterday from the Sieff Government Hospital in Safad to Hadassah Hospital in Ein Kerem for treatment in the burns unit.

Six other soldiers remained hospitalized in Rambam Hospital in Haifa, and six more in Sheba Hospital in Tel Hashomer.

The two men brought from Safad to Jerusalem were Eilahu Ayal of Tel Aviv, who suffered burns on 35 per cent of his body, and Yehuda Cohen of Bnei Brak, who suffered 55 per cent burns. Both are 18 years old. The two were treated yesterday with fluids, and are to undergo operations and skin grafts at a later date.

Of the six soldiers in Rambam Hospital three have serious injuries

and are being treated in the hospital's intensive care unit. Their condition last night was described as "stable but otherwise unchanged." Two of them have been unconscious since being admitted.

The remaining three have moderate injuries and are being treated in the plastic-surgery department for burns mainly to their faces and hands. They also have broken limbs.

The six wounded men in Sheba Hospital all suffered deep burns on their hands and faces, but there is no danger to their lives, the head of the hospital's burns and plastic-surgery unit said yesterday. He said they had not suffered burns elsewhere because their flak jackets had protected them.

The six were: Avshalom Ozeri, Rafael Soker, Avraham Maman, Tamir Sha'ar, Amram Levi and Eilahu Hazan.

Haifa and T.A. make State Cup final

Post Sports Reporter

Ten thousand basketball fans packed the Yad Elihu sports palace last night to watch both semi-final matches of the State Cup which saw Maccabi Haifa and Maccabi Tel Aviv go through to the finals.

In the opening game, 19-year-old Maccabi Haifa point guard Avi Gordon threw in a desperation 3-pointer with two seconds left in the overtime period to give Haifa a 92-89 victory over favoured Maccabi Ramat Gan.

Arish Rosenberg with 27 points and Doron Shefi with 25 led the winners' attack. Maccabi Ramat Gan's Doron Gamchee led all scorers, canning 35.

In the second game, Maccabi Tel Aviv broke away from a slim 50-46

half-time lead by pumping in 51 points after the interval and completely devastating Hapoel Holon 111-84.

The champions were led by Mickey Berkowitz with 28 points, backed up by 24 from Kevin Magee, 22 from Lou Silver, and 21 from Aulcie Perry to round out an awesome offensive display. Maccabi Haifa will meet Maccabi Tel Aviv on April 29 in the State Cup Final.

POPE. - Fifty prospective jurors were selected yesterday for the trial of three Bulgarians and five Turks charged in the 1981 shooting of Pope John Paul II, a judge involved in the case said in Rome.

U.S. agrees in principle to \$1.6 billion emergency aid

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Reagan administration has agreed in principle to grant Israel some \$1.6 billion over the next two years as emergency aid, government sources told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

According to the sources, Washington informed Finance Minister Yitzhak Moda'i of its agreement, without specifying dates. Moda'i is due home today.

The sources said that Washington is again demanding that the government implement a large devaluation of the shekel and abolish subsidies.

It has been learned that the delegation of the International Monetary Fund currently visiting Israel is expected to stress in its annual report disagreement with the government's exchange policy.

In talks with ministers and officials, the IMF delegation has stressed that Israel should stop subsidizing exports, reduce levies on imports and abolish the compulsory deposits on imports.

The delegation has also expressed its view that what the sources called "non-inflationary" devaluation is needed. This term refers to the implementation of a large devaluation together with a reduction of taxes and levies that would offset the effects of the devaluation on prices.

The sources added that the government is not likely to adopt these recommendations, since a large part of the financial assets held by the public are linked to the dollar, and a devaluation could result in a large increase in the public's purchasing power.

According to the sources the government will try to go ahead with a gradual devaluation of the shekel that will be slightly above the rate of inflation every month.

Employers and job seekers in televised 'match of the day'

By ILAN CHAIM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In a televised three-hour marathon "labour exchange of the airwaves" to try to match employers with job seekers, 150 jobs were offered and 700 vacancies were reported in the hotel industry.

Television studios in Migdal Ha'emek, Kiryat Malachi and Jerusalem were transformed into makeshift job centres as about a dozen employers were on hand to meet interested job seekers. Other interviews were set up over the telephone.

Labour and Social Affairs Minister Moshe Katsav was at the studio in Kiryat Malachi to answer questions. More than 100 job opportunists turned up at Migdal Ha'emek in the hope of landing work with the Teane Noga ice-cream plant, the Desko office furniture factory and the Argaman textile plant.

During the programme, short

films were shown of the various plants in action, accompanied by lists of the available jobs. Several job seekers who turned up at the studios were given job interviews on the air, and several employers from areas not covered by the programme phoned in with additional job offers.

In the Jerusalem studio, moderator Yaron London helped conduct one job interview between a telephone caller and a representative of the Dan Hotel chain. The caller said she was interested in one of the reported 700 available jobs in the hotel industry. But she was unwilling to accept an offer to work in a Cholim Hotel, which she said was too far from her home in Netanya.

Two former workers at Haifa's Ata textile concern, fired just a week ago, went to the Migdal Ha'emek studio, where they were quickly matched up for interviews with several prospective employers.

Three killed in traffic accidents

Three persons were killed in separate traffic accidents around the country yesterday.

Racheli Teshuva, 72, was run over and killed when she tried to enter the back door of a moving bus in Beer Ya'acov. The woman was a resident of the town.

Sixteen-year-old Eyal Oved of Yokne'am died when a steel rod slipped from a tow truck and struck a tender driven by the boy's father, Shaul, on the Haifa-Nazareth highway. The tow truck was being driven by Eitan Dahari of Kibbutz Ein Hashofet, who was later brought to the Haifa Magistrate's Court and released on IS1.5 million bail.

Shaul Oved, who was seriously hurt in the freak accident, was taken to Rambam Hospital in Haifa.

On the Acre-Nahariya road near

Kibbutz Lahmei Hageta'ot, a Magen David Adom team tried in vain to save the life of a 60-year-old man after a road crash. The man's name was not released for publication.

14 telephone pests convicted in 1983-84

Post Knesset Reporter
Fourteen persons were convicted in 1983 and 1984 of pestering others on the telephone, Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev said yesterday.

Replying to a parliamentary question by Uriel Linn (Likud-Liberals), Bar-Lev said that 2,318 files for this offence were opened in the two years. Of these, the culprit was found in 187 cases, and legal action was recommended in 32 cases.

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With great sorrow

Friday TV news diary to go off the air — for now

Jerusalem Post Staff
The management committee of the Broadcasting Authority (BA) yesterday voted to suspend the Friday night television weekly news diary, *Yoman Hashavua*.
By a vote of 3-1, the committee approved a motion to this effect submitted by its deputy chairman, David Admon. The dissenting vote was cast by Dr. Yisrael Peleg, who said that stopping the programme would be like sinking the IBA's flagship.
The committee also decided that resources previously directed to the

diary would be used for other programmes, including *Mabat Shen*.
IBA director-general Uri Porat said yesterday that an investigation was being conducted to find who was responsible for the non-broadcast of the diary last Friday.
The trade-union committee of the Jerusalem Journalists' Association said yesterday that the decision to take the news programme off the air was proof of mismanagement at the Broadcasting Authority.
The journalists' group also declared a labour dispute over the issue.

Miracle-working rabbis now losing out to IDF heroics

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A new Israeli folklore is developing, based on real or imagined feats of Israeli soldiers coming in the nick of time to save the situation.
This was the theme of a paper read yesterday by Hebrew University Prof. Aliza Shinar at the closing session of the university's fourth folklore conference, devoted to "Eretz Yisraelin Folklore—Folklore in Israel." The conference was part of the university's 60th anniversary celebrations.
Shinar cited 14 versions of the apocryphal rescue of a downed Israeli pilot captured by terrorists at the outset of the Lebanon war.
Despite denials by the Israeli Defence Forces spokesman, the stories persisted to the effect that the pilot had been freed from captivity by Golani Brigade commandos dressed as terrorists and by paratroopers disguised as Red Cross officials.
The pilot in question was actually released over a year later, after long

negotiations, in exchange for numerous captured terrorists.
The stories arose out of a deeply felt need, Shinar concluded. The capture of a pilot — one of the military elite — was intolerable, and a heroic rescue was created in the model of Entebbe, to restore the psychological balance.

Visiting ethnologist Prof. Linda Degh of Indiana University, speaking on "The Irrationality Explosion and the Folk Legend of our Time," noted that old legends persist and cited the example of the 1888 murder of five London prostitutes by Jack the Ripper.

The problem today is that some disturbed individuals act out these legends. Degh noted the modern examples of the Manson killings, the Jonestown mass suicide and the Yorkshire Ripper case as legends given prominence and perhaps longevity by the mass communications media.

Electric buses for Ma'ale Adumim

By AARON SITNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The country's first trial of an electric motor vehicle is to be made in a few months following agreement in principle for the experimental run by the ministries of Energy and Transport.
With the Israel Electric Corporation footing the bill, two British-made Bedford electric-powered minibuses are to be imported and put into use as a local passenger service in Jerusalem's Ma'ale Adumim suburb.

Ma'ale Adumim has been chosen because, despite its high population density, the internal roads there are not congested. Therefore, the slow-moving electric vehicles would not disturb orderly traffic flow or otherwise pose a safety problem.

If the trial succeeds, more battery-powered minibuses will be acquired and put into trial service in congested residential areas elsewhere in the country.

Besides gauging the economic advantages, if any, experts from the two ministries will also be investigating changes in air pollution levels.

NEWS BRIEFS

Winning recipes

RECIPES inspired by the cuisines of North Africa and China won top honours yesterday in the second part of the Pessah recipe contest sponsored by the Sheraton Hotels and *The Jerusalem Post*.

Yesterday's finals, which featured meat dishes, were held at the King Solomon Sheraton in Jerusalem. First prize went to Hedy Martin Harris of Jerusalem for her *laine* of chicken with prunes, honey and almonds.

Jessica Fischer of Michmoret won second place with her spring blintzes, and third place went to Esther Chazon of Jerusalem for her strawberry fluff. The first stage of the contest, for dairy dishes, was held on Sunday at the Tel Aviv Sheraton.

The winning recipes, together with others submitted by readers from all over the country, are to appear soon in a book published by *The Jerusalem Post*.

A full report on the contest and recipes will appear on Thursday's *Today page of The Post*.

Medical ethics

JEWIS SHOULD become "ethical pathfinders" in the battle against premature death, British Chief Rabbi Sir Immanuel Jakobovits yesterday told the doctors, philosophers, lawyers and other participants in the First International conference on Medical Ethics, which began yesterday morning at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev in Beersheba.

Jakobovits cautioned against the "manipulation of one human life for another," whereby a patient is kept alive artificially not for his own sake but to serve as an organ donor.

Dr. Yigal Kam, an Israeli doctor attending the conference who is studying liver transplants at the University of Pittsburgh, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he intends to return to Israel and set up a liver-transplant centre at Rambam Hospital in Haifa at the end of this year.

Illuminated book contest
THE NAHUM GUTMAN Fund and Association have announced a contest for Hebrew books illuminated in the spirit of Gutman's work.

A prize will be awarded to the winner at a ceremony to be held this summer close to the Shabbat following Tisha B'Av, which was the late artist's birthday, the fund and association said.

Authors and illuminators should present their candidacy, accompanied by five copies of their books, to association secretary Rina Levy, Beit Ma'ariv, Tel Aviv, by May 20. Only illuminated books printed within the last two years in Israel and which have not received another prize should be submitted.

Turkeys stolen

THIEVES took 150 turkeys, valued at IS4 million, from one of the farms at Komemiyut, a moshav northwest of Kiryat Gat, before dawn yesterday.

The police and the Border Police set up roadblocks in the area, but failed to catch the thieves.

Cut-rate matriculation

HIGH SCHOOL pupils who are unable to pay the full fee for bagrut (matriculation) examinations will receive partial or complete exemptions from the fee, Education Minister Yitzhak Navon announced yesterday after a meeting with senior ministry officials.

Navon said pupils requesting exemptions will be required to present documentation of their parents' financial situation, the ministry spokesman reported.

Navon had earlier decided that pupils in development towns will be required to pay only 15 per cent of the fee.

IS12 million burglary

PROPERTY WITH an estimated value of IS12 million was stolen by burglars who broke into the house of Menahem Feigenblatt in Herzliya Pituah.

The burglars took a Persian and a Bokharan carpet, a colour-television receiver, a video recorder, a milk coat, silver and candlesticks. They entered by moving a shutter and breaking a lock.

The burglary took place Saturday night, but the owner of the house came home and reported the crime to the police only on Sunday.

Benefiting Wizo

HERZLIYA MAYOR Eli Landau is to open the Wizo bazaar in Herzliya at 8 p.m. tomorrow evening.

Pictures, second-hand clothes, jewelry and foodstuffs are among the merchandise to be sold at the bazaar, which is to continue all day Thursday. Proceeds will benefit Wizo day-care centres and other services for children, youth, women and the aged.

Alert driver averts casualties from bomb

REHOVOT (Iim). — An explosive device blew up in a bus arriving here from Ashdod yesterday morning, but thanks to the alertness of the driver no one was hurt.

The driver, Ya'acov Cohen, noticed a suspicious object and ordered all his passengers to get out. He also called police sappers, but before they arrived the bomb went off, causing some damage to the bus.

JNF gives trees for new TA park

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

With a gift of 18,000 trees that are about to be planted, the Jewish National Fund is helping the Tel Aviv municipality turn a junkyard and focus of juvenile crime in a southern neighbourhood of the city into a 1,500-dunam recreational park.

It will take a few years to develop Park Hadorom near the Livneh quarter, according to JNF president chairman Moshe Rivlin. "But when it is finished it will be able to compete with the Yarkon Park and will be enjoyed by residents of the disadvantaged quarters nearby."

The JNF of America and the JNF in Israel teamed together to donate the saplings in honour of Tel Aviv's 75th birthday. The JNF has already cleared the site of the junk that used to attract criminal elements.

Park Hadorom was mentioned by President Chaim Herzog yesterday during his reception for the 59th conference of JNF of America held at Beit Hanassi. Herzog praised the 280 participants for not simply gathering in a hotel in Jerusalem or Tel Aviv but rather going out into the countryside, visiting lookout points and settlements, and making their headquarters in a Tiberias hotel. The JNF was one of the Jewish organizations answering Israel's call to hold their conventions here.

Herzog noted that the JNF, in its land-reclamation projects and its building of lookout points, is helping to populate Galilee with highly skilled sabras. Soviet olim and newcomers from the west, building sophisticated industry.

The convention, led by JNF of America president Charlotte Jacob-

son, is being presided over by Robert Levine, a certified public accountant from Teaneck, New Jersey, who has long been active in JNF activities. Levine, who speaks Hebrew well, first came here in 1951 leading a Young Judea group of teenagers. On a later visit, he became aware of the contributions of the JNF to land reclamation when flying from Eilat to Tel Aviv and noting a green patch of trees — the Yatir Forest — north of Beersheba, along the pre-1967 armistice line. He was so moved by the sight that he asked about it and eventually learned that it had been planted in the desert by the JNF.

Levine told *The Jerusalem Post* that 40 per cent of the convention delegates have never been here before, and that they "open their eyes" when they meet "modern pioneers" during their travels.

Western aliya drops 30%

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur has asked Prime Minister Shimon Peres to convene the government-Jewish Agency coordinating body to discuss the sharp drop in aliya from the West.

Tsur asked his staff for statistics on aliya in the past two years, and found that 30 per cent fewer olim came from the West than in 1983.

Last month, only 461 olim arrived from the West, compared to 606 in February 1984, a drop of 22 per cent. All together 786 olim from all countries arrived last month.

Tsur intends to propose that the Jewish Agency give up its monopoly on promoting aliya from the West, and that the government be allowed to push its own ideas.

Meanwhile, the Absorption Ministry has decided to interview all

Ethiopian olim from ages 17 to 25 who have been here for at least a year, to channel them into suitable educational and vocational frameworks.

The aim is to prevent the Ethiopians from getting stuck in jobs requiring no skills. The testing unit of Youth Aliya, which has experience with Ethiopian Jews, will do the interviewing under the aegis of the Student Authority, which is run jointly by the Jewish Agency and the ministry.

The 17-25 age group is regarded as a critical and problematic one, as many of its members are not yet ready for the army and are at a turning point in their professional lives. Those Ethiopians who want to go to either religious or secular kibbutzim will receive referrals to such settlements.

No rise in Feb. requests for unemployment pay

By ILAN CHAIM
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Approximately the same number of persons applied for unemployment compensation in February as did in January, confirming other indications of at least a temporary pause in the steady growth of unemployment since September.

The National Insurance Institute announced yesterday that the levelling-off in applications was most significant in the number of first applications by newly unemployed. The 1,250 persons who qualified for compensation by being without work for more than six days in February represented a 14 per cent drop from January's figure.

In 1984 the NII received 50 per cent more applications for unemployment compensation than in 1983.

Last week the State Employment Service noted that there were 11.3 per cent fewer registered job seekers in February than in January. Officials say, however, that it is too early to tell whether this means unemployment will stop rising.

Correction

The strike by Haifa businessmen is to take place today and not as reported in yesterday's headline.

Haifa children protest at City Hall

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Scores of children protesting against the proposed closure of their Geula primary school in Hadar Hacarmel burst into the offices of mayor Arye Gurel yesterday morning — only to discover that he had left for a meeting in Jerusalem.

They were ushered out by municipal inspectors after the situation was explained to them.

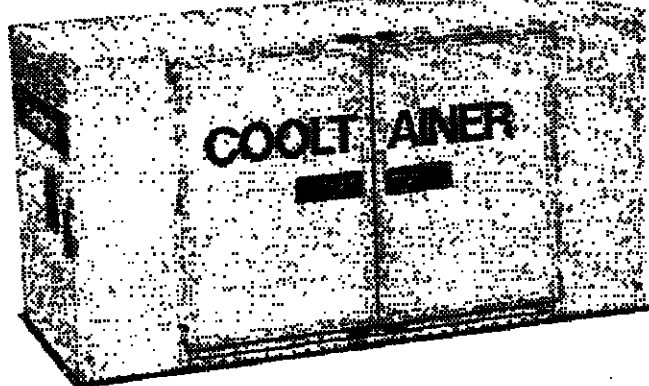
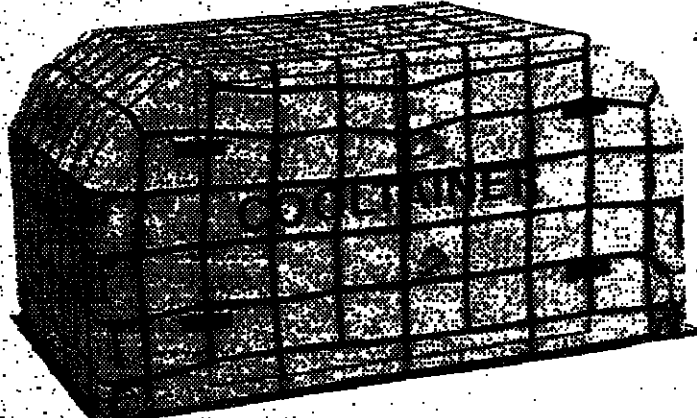
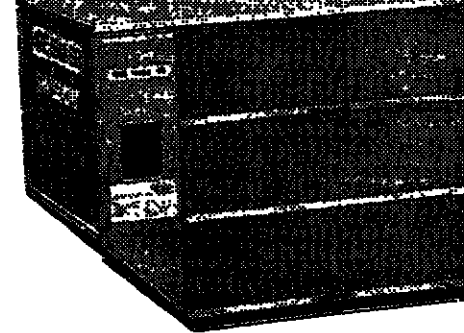
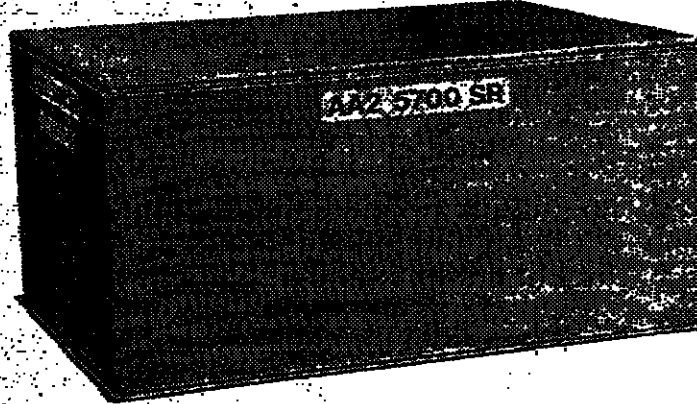
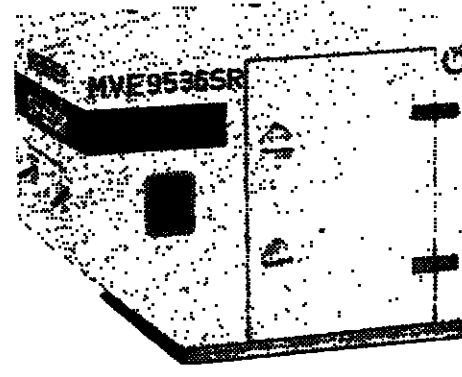
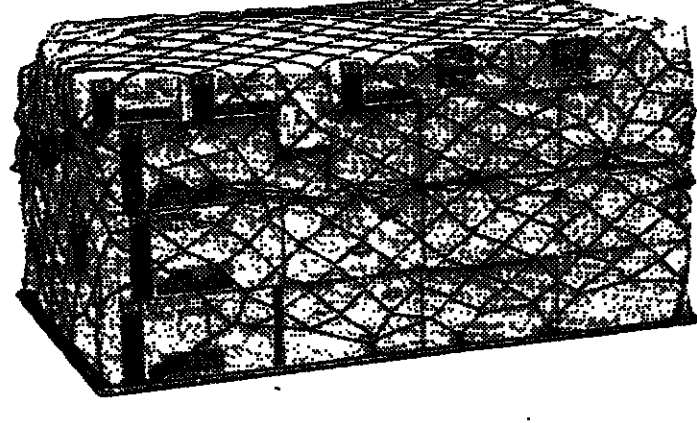
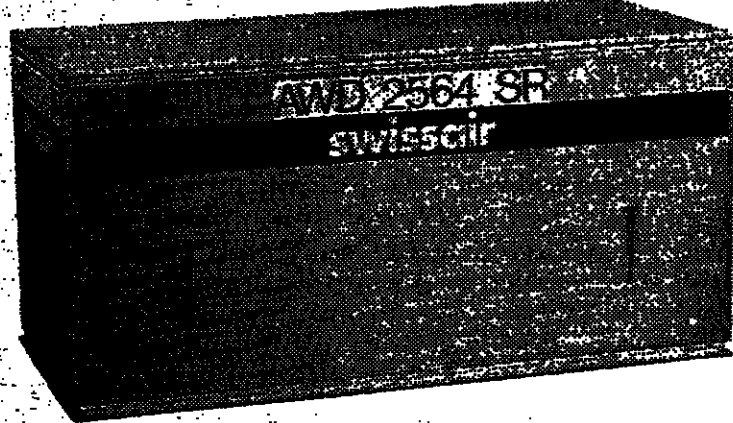
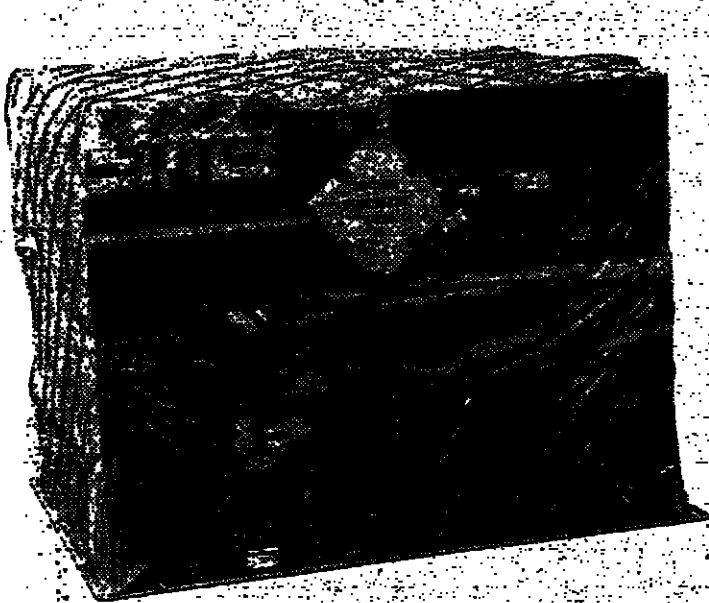
The youngsters and many of their parents had held a noisy demonstration outside City Hall for more than two hours, during which they made repeated demands for Gurel to come down and meet them. When he failed to appear they barged into the building and up to the mayor's offices.

Parents kept all 230 pupils away from the school yesterday and threatened to continue the strike until the end of term unless the municipality rescinds its closure decision.

City Hall, with the backing of the Education Ministry's district office, wants to close Geula and three other schools — Hatikva and Etzion religious schools, also in Hadar, and Sprinzak in Rehov Bodenheimer — from next September in line with cutbacks ordered by the ministry.

City Hall says the four premises are underused and all the pupils can be accommodated at neighbouring schools without having to add classrooms.

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Artificial heart man nears own goal for survival

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP). — William Schroeder has entered his 16th week with an artificial heart, with the wedding of his son, which he once said was his goal for survival, only a few days off.

Schroeder, the second recipient of a man-made heart, forged a first of his own on Saturday when he spent

30 minutes of a spring-like afternoon riding through nearby neighborhoods, a spokeswoman said on Sunday.

The wedding on Saturday of his son, Terry, in his hometown of Jasper, Indiana, is a family celebration doctors have said Schroeder, 53, would not have lived to see without

the heart implant.

Doctors haven't decided whether Schroeder will be allowed to travel home for the wedding, but he has been fitted for a tuxedo.

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Gorbachev's swift climb to power

MOSCOW (Reuters). — Mikhail Gorbachev, 54, widely regarded as the likely successor to the Soviet Union's president Chernenko, swiftly climbed up the Communist Party ladder to become the youngest member of the country's top leadership.

He came to Moscow from the provinces in 1972 at the age of 41, and later became right-hand man to the late Soviet leader Yuri Andropov. He was widely seen as Andropov's choice of heir.

But when Andropov died in February 1984, the Soviet leadership went to the then 72-year-old Chernenko and Gorbachev was left to consolidate his position as Number Two.

A December 1984 trip to London boosted his credentials. Gorbachev was an instant success with the British press, who found him and his wife, Raisa, charming and in dramatic contrast with the sombre style usually attributed to Moscow.

Gorbachev's media popularity disconcerted Washington, where Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger warned that he was on a "public-relations trip" for the Kremlin's army policies.

In Moscow, it was suggested that acclaim for Gorbachev in the West could rebound with adverse effect and hurt his chances among con-

servatives for succeeding Chernenko as party leader.

But Gorbachev showed every sign of having benefited rather than suffered as a result of his tour.

A law graduate from Moscow State University, he has appeared as the apostle of change, anxious to shake up long-standing and sluggish Soviet economic practices and introduce modern management methods and new technology.

This has led some western analysts to speculate that as leader he would prefer a period of relative détente to allow greater concentration on internal affairs.

Others have cautioned against liberal expectations from any man who has made it to the top in Soviet politics.

Gorbachev was elevated to full membership of the ruling Politburo in 1980 under Leonid Brezhnev, who put him in charge of an ambitious agricultural reform programme. He was not even 50 and had been in Moscow just two years. Such early prominence marked him out as a man to watch.

A stout, balding figure with a prominent birthmark on his forehead, Gorbachev was born in the north Caucasus village of Privolnoye, near Stavropol.

He started his working life in that

important grain-growing region, where he was the city's party chief at the age of 35 and head of the entire regional party organization four years later.

He was summoned to Moscow in 1978 to become a party central committee secretary for agriculture and a year later was a candidate member of the Politburo.

Under Andropov he was in charge of economic policy and involved in party affairs, playing a major role in organizing elections of officials.

He then took on a more public face, visiting Canada in May 1983, which gave him badly needed foreign-affairs experience, and attending the Portuguese Communist Party Congress in December.

By April 1984, Gorbachev had publicly consolidated his position as Number Two, securing a parliamentary foreign-affairs post reserved for the party ideologist, traditionally the second most powerful Kremlin job.

And yesterday he was named head of the commission organizing Chernenko's funeral, effectively confirming his position as heir-apparent, according to western diplomats.

In June 1984, Gorbachev represented Moscow at the funeral of Italian Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer and in September he travelled to Sofia.

Arms talks to open as scheduled

GENEVA (Reuters). — The Soviet Union signalled continuity in foreign policy yesterday by agreeing swiftly to open arms talks with the U.S. today as planned despite the death of president Konstantin Chernenko.

Moscow's agreement on a "business as usual" approach was announced here only half an hour after Chernenko's death was officially confirmed by the Kremlin leadership.

U.S. delegation spokesman Joseph Lehman said a senior Soviet diplomat at a scheduled preparatory meeting yesterday agreed that the first superpower arms negotiations in 15 months should go ahead as planned.

American diplomats had expected that the Soviet delegation, which arrived Sunday a few hours before Chernenko died, would ask for a delay until after his funeral.

Western officials said the decision to open the talks on schedule, obviously cleared with Moscow, was

encouraging. It showed the Soviet government wanted to demonstrate a continuing line in foreign policy despite the leadership change.

It also appeared to underline the urgency that the Soviet Union attached to the talks on space arms, long-range nuclear weapons and European-based missiles, the officials said.

Soviet delegation chief Victor Karpov promised a businesslike and constructive approach when he arrived with a group of about 100 aides, and urged that far-reaching decisions should be taken in the negotiations.

The go-ahead was announced as U.S. chief negotiator Max Kampelman was in Brussels briefing Nato allies on U.S. tactics.

The first meeting today will be a "get-acquainted" session between Kampelman and Karpov at the Soviet mission to the UN in Geneva.

The talks are acknowledged by both sides as a fresh start following a

Soviet walkout from separate negotiations on strategic and medium-range missiles in Geneva in 1983.

The key issue this time will be Moscow's strenuous attempt to halt President Reagan's strategic defence initiative "Star Wars" programme, which is intended eventually to destroy offensive missiles before they can reach their targets.

American delegates have refused to say whether they are carrying specific new proposals in one or all of the three negotiating areas. But they are expected gradually to unveil new ideas on the whole range of arms control policy.

But the talks will probably not reach a critical point for some time and there is ample opportunity for the new Soviet leadership to sort itself out and set guidelines for the negotiations as they unfold.

Paul Nitze, a key adviser to Reagan, said last week that Chernenko's failing health would not create an obstacle to the early stages of the arms talks.

Last big Kampuchean base said to fall to Vietnamese

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand (AP). — A column of 800 to 1,000 Vietnamese troops, climaxing an intense week-long offensive, seized the last major Cambodian resistance camp at Tatum yesterday and sent its guerrilla defenders fleeing, some of them into Thailand, a senior Thai Army officer said.

Vietnamese troops backed by artillery and mortar barrages crossed from a strategic hill in Thai territory and penetrated the camp in a lightning rear attack, the officer said.

Other sources could not confirm the report.

The seizure of Tatum would be a major blow to the forces of resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk. The Sihanouk forces used Tatum as their headquarters and

springboard for attacks on Vietnamese positions in the Cambodian interior.

Sihanouk's forces are joined with the non-Communist Khmer Rouge and the National Liberation Front in battling Vietnamese troops that swept into Cambodia six years ago. Hanot's current offensive has toppled all major resistance camps near the Thai border with the exception of Tatum.

Sihanouk spokesman Truong Mealy in Bangkok said guerrillas were still holding onto the camp's outer defence lines, and have prevented Vietnamese troops from advancing closer than eight kilometres to the camp. Tatum is opposite Thailand's Surin province, and about 122 kilometres north of this border town.

Prince Charles, Princess Diana in Akaba

AMMAN, Jordan (AP). — Britain's Prince Charles and Princess Diana were vacationing in the Jordanian resort city of Akaba yesterday as guests of King Hussein and Queen Noor, the palace announced.

"They are on a private visit here as guests of both their majesties," said the palace spokesman, who by custom is not identified by name.

The prince and his wife arrived Sunday at the Red Sea port city.

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Left takes blow in French local elections

PARIS (AP). — The French electorate swung to the right on Sunday in local elections, issuing a warning to Socialist President Francois Mitterrand and giving new credibility to the extreme right National Front Party.

In the first round of elections, widely viewed as a tune-up for next spring's voting for a new national assembly, right-wing parties won 58.4 per cent. According to figures available early yesterday, the left, which came to power nationally in May and June, 1981, had 41.1 per cent.

The voters were choosing representatives for general councils in France's 95 metropolitan and four overseas departments, or counties. Half of the seats on the general councils are filled every three years for six-year terms.

Leaders of the neo-Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR) and the centrist Union for French Democra-

cy (UDF) maintained that French voters had rejected Socialism and that the opposition would oust the left from the national assembly next March.

The RPR and the UDF also were delighted that, along with minor rightist parties, they won half of the votes and would need the 8.4 per cent won by Jean-Marie Le Pen's National Front.

The RPR and UDF vote total was 33.5 per cent. Diverse rightist candidates won 16.5 per cent. The National Front campaigns on themes of anti-Communism, anti-immigration and anti-crime.

On the left, though Socialists expressed satisfaction with their 25.8 per cent, there was little cause to cheer. The same was true for the Communist Party, whose 12.9 per cent was marginally up from the 11 per cent they scored in last year's European elections.

Sports

France bundled out of Davis Cup after stormy contest with Paraguay

ASUNCION (Reuters). — One-time Davis Cup stalwarts France have failed to survive the first round of this year's World Group competition. The French were humbled 3-2 for the second time in two years by relative newcomers Paraguay in the torrid heat of Asuncion.

Yesterday Victor Pecci defeated Henri Leconte 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 in a heated match marred by violence to move Paraguay into the second round.

Yannick Noah had earlier brought France back to a 2-2 tie with a dramatic 2-6, 6-3, 17-15, 6-4 marathon win over Francisco Gonzalez.

Pecci pulled 4th seed Leconte, mixed doubles partner of Pecci, into the final game before finally putting down the 44th-ranked Leconte. The Frenchman had battled back from a 2-5 deficit to 5-5 in the final set.

The trouble broke out at 1-1 in the second set of the match, played on a steamy indoor wooden court.

Leconte tossed the ball into the air to serve when a loud noise broke his concentration.

The noise appeared to have been made by baseline judge Roberto Velazquez, a Paraguayan, and Leconte rushed over and punched him in the face. French team captain Jean Paul Loth also ran over, pummeling Velazquez on the back.

Several members of the noisy, partisan crowd then surged angrily out of the stands toward the French. Police with nightsticks moved in and, according to witnesses, struck out at both the French players and the audience, finally restoring order.

Czechoslovakia cruised past the Soviet Union in Moscow and Ecuador beat Argentina in the outstanding tie. The quarter-final tie-up (scheduled to be played on August 2-4) is U.S. vs. West Germany; Czechoslovakia vs. Ecuador; Paraguay vs. Australia and India vs. Chile or Sweden.

In the "B" Division, qualifying from the American zone for their semi-finals are Brazil, Canada, Mexico and either Uruguay or Colombia.

New Zealand, China, Philippines and South Korea are through from the Asian zone.

Bologna win, Cibona in form

Post Sports Staff

Granarola Bologna, despite having chalked up only one victory in the final pool of the European Basketball Cup have served warning that they will be no pushover in their last game of the season this coming Thursday night — the big one for their opponents, the Israeli champs Maccabi Tel Aviv. Bologna defeated Naples 87-80 on Sunday night in Italian league action to move into fifth place. Since Milan head the table from Banco Roma.

In Yugoslavia, the indefatigable Dragan Petrovic was again in magnificent form as he popped in 43 points in Cibona Zagreb's 92-80 win over Crvena Zvezda in preparation for their all-important game against CSKA in Moscow. The Red Army squad may be in a mood to rest and to expect Cibona's prospects of making it to the

European Cup final along with Maccabi or Real Madrid. Yesterday CSKA lost their Soviet crown, being defeated in the final match by Kovna who thus clinched the title for only the third time.

In the NBA stars were going well for Sydney Moncrief and the Milwaukee Bucks as they lost the Portland Trail Blazers 110-94. Moncrief scored 19 points in the first quarter in helping Milwaukee take a 35-28 lead they never relinquished. In the last 20 seconds of the period he sank a three-point shot and made another for jumper. Moncrief finished the game with 27 points.

In Sunday's only other two NBA games, Kansas City beat the Los Angeles Clippers 128-111 and Dallas defeated New Jersey 128-113.

Boston lead the 76ers by two games in the NC Atlantic Division while the Bucks are clinging on their Central Division title as they sport only one win in front of Detroit.

In the WFL, Denver beat Houston by 4 games, and Dallas by 7 in the Midwest, while the Oilers were a season-and-a-half ahead of Phoenix in the Pacific Division.

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KONSTANTIN CHERNENKO'S brief leadership of the Soviet Union was dogged by an image of illness and frailty from the day he became the oldest man to take power in the Kremlin.

Chernenko, 73 at his death, was seen as a stop-gap leader, chosen by the conservative "old guard" of the ruling Politburo, who were unwilling to transfer power to a younger man.

As soon as he took office on February 13, 1984, diplomats and ordinary Russians began speculating on his likely successor. Western doctors said he suffered from a respiratory ailment, probably emphysema.

For many, Chernenko represented a step back from the short but vigorous leadership of Yuri Andropov to the cautious style of Leonid Brezhnev, the man whom he served as office manager for two decades.

Chernenko's 13-month stewardship was marked by a lack of firm direction at home and wavering in foreign policy, which was followed by a shift in the Kremlin's approach to Washington.

After rejecting overtures from President Reagan and leading a boycott of the Los Angeles Olympics, Moscow agreed last September to reopen a dialogue with the U.S.

The two superpowers agreed in January to full-scale negotiations on nuclear arms, which are scheduled to open today in Geneva.

Diplomats detected Chernenko's hand in the moves to resume the East-West dialogue. But they say the shift was probably the result of a reassessment promoted by Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and other Politburo figures.

A consensus among the Politburo old guard and younger figures led by Mikhail Gorbachev - thought likely to succeed Chernenko - was seen by diplomats as the main factor behind domestic policies.

The Kremlin has maintained a programme of limited economic re-

forms launched by Andropov and his anti-graft campaign.

The economy continued to show modest improvement over the stagnation of the late 1970s and the drive against corruption was punctuated with a few spectacular cases, such as the execution last July of the manager of Moscow's leading food store.

But analysts said Chernenko's leadership had slowed reforms and softened the drive to weed out senior officials in the ministries and party, where Chernenko had spent his entire career.

"A lot of people in the party breathed a sigh of relief when Chernenko took over," one diplomat said.

ORDINARY RUSSIANS will remember his long speeches, delivered in a breathless and faltering style, praising orthodox ideology and condemning innovation in literature and the arts.

Diplomats said they believed that throughout his rule, Chernenko was happy to be guided both by his advisors and by the majority view in the Politburo on international affairs.

A stocky, white-haired man from Krasnoyarsk in Siberia, Chernenko became closely associated with Brezhnev when both were serving in the party apparatus in Moldavia in 1950. As Brezhnev moved up the party ladder, he took Chernenko with him.

After performing the duties of office manager for 20 years, he was elevated to the Politburo in the 1970s, and Brezhnev began grooming him for the succession.

These plans were thwarted by the rise of the former KGB chief, Yuri Andropov, who took power on Brezhnev's death in November 1982. He launched a vigorous programme to purge the party of old and incompetent officials and also intro-

STOP-GAP LEADER



duced economic reforms.

Chernenko's career appeared to be in eclipse, but Andropov's physical decline reversed his fortunes.

Most Western analysts believe Chernenko became the rallying point for conservative party officials alarmed by Andropov's course, and that it was this support which ensured him the succession when the then president died in February last year.

Chernenko showed where his priorities lay when he announced last October a grandiose programme to increase farm output by expanding arable land through enormous irrigation projects.

The move contradicted the views of Politburo reformists like Gorbachev, who had earlier declared that farm output should be boosted by making available land more productive.

Chernenko's irrigation programme showed he still thinks in the terms of the 1950s, when huge and ambitious land projects were seen as the answer to all the country's problems, "one Western diplomat said.

Senior Western diplomats believe Chernenko left Gromyko, the veteran foreign minister, to give overall guidance to Kremlin foreign policy. But apart from the resumption of a dialogue with Washington, there were few initiatives.

The only area where the Soviet Union showed major activity under Chernenko was the Middle East, where it tried to cultivate closer links with Arab states of all political persuasions.

The one area where Chernenko made vigorous attempts to impose his own personal stamp was culture. He fiercely hit out at Western influences in the arts and demanded a return to the values of 1930s style "Socialist realism," which required the arts to serve as an adjunct of party propaganda.

The Kremlin leader frequently

criticized the attitudes of Soviet teenagers, condemning their fondness for Western fashions and accusing them of laziness and ingratitude. The effect among Moscow youngsters appears to have been to intensify feelings of cynicism and indifference towards the leadership.

BORN ON September 24, 1911, into a peasant family in a village near Krasnoyarsk in central Siberia, Konstantin Ustinovich Chernenko left school at the age of 12.

He became chief of a Komsomol youth department in 1929 and joined the party in 1931, while serving as a border guard on the Chinese frontier and battling Moslem guerrillas opposed to Communist rule. Ten years later he became a local party secretary and in 1945 graduated from the higher party school in Moscow. His association with Brezhnev began in the 1950s, when Chernenko served with Brezhnev as propaganda chief in the southern republic of Moldavia. He overcame a major barrier to his future - a lack of qualifications - by attending a teachers' training college in Kisinev.

Brezhnev brought him to Moscow in 1956, and when he became head of state in 1960, appointed Chernenko as head of his secretariat.

Four years later, when Brezhnev became party leader, he put Chernenko in charge of the party's general department, an administrative post that gave him access to all personal files and allowed him to organize day-to-day Kremlin business.

MOST ANALYSTS believe it was only in the mid-1970s that Brezhnev decided his loyal aide would be an ideal successor.

Chernenko was made a candidate member of the Politburo in 1977, promoted to full membership a year later and was almost always at the leader's side in subsequent public appearances.

Outmaneuvered by Andropov in 1982, Chernenko appeared to be in decline for several months but began to bounce back as the new Kremlin

chief ideologist.

Upon Andropov's death early last year, he was named the party's general-secretary and made state president two months later.

Most Kremlin-watchers believe Chernenko's ultimate success in securing the leadership was based more on his previous association with Brezhnev than his own merits.

"Chernenko did not get to the top through outstanding ability. For people frightened by the Andropov regime, he was the closest thing to another Brezhnev," one diplomat said.

Some Westerners who have dealt with Chernenko have voiced similarly unflattering views. Malcolm Toon, a former U.S. ambassador to Moscow, said: "The only impression I formed of him was that he was a dullard."

His leadership style was in many ways modelled on Brezhnev, in sharp contrast with the modest and almost ascetic Andropov. Like his former mentor, he awarded himself medals and appeared to delight in sitting back on public occasions to hear speeches lauding his own leadership talents.

Despite his almost daily appearances on television and signs of a growing personality cult, speculation about Chernenko's health and likely tenure in office persisted.

When he was absent from public view for almost two months in the middle of last year, some Soviet officials began spreading rumours that he was about to step down.

The state media almost dropped references to the leader during his absence, seen by Western analysts as a sign that he wielded little real authority in the upper echelons of the party apparatus.

Amid continuing doubts about Chernenko's ability to hold on to power for long, most Western analysts turned their attention to the likely contenders for his succession.

They saw a rivalry between Politburo members Mikhail Gorbachev, 54, and Grigory Romanov, 62, both allies of Andropov.

(Reuters, Associated Press)

EXPLORING BIGOTRY

LETTER FROM LOS ANGELES/Tom Tugend

ON THREE separate occasions within the space of a few weeks, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles has been in the headlines. In rapid succession, the president of the California State Senate introduced an unusual bill to allocate \$5 million in public funds for the centre's planned "Museum of Tolerance."

At simultaneous press conferences in New York and Los Angeles, the centre announced that Auschwitz camp doctor Josef Mengele - "Angel of Death" - may have been arrested by American authorities in Vienna in 1947 and applied for a Canadian visa in 1962. In response, the Canadian prime minister, the U.S. Army and the U.S. Department of Justice have promised investigations.

Rabbinical leaders of the centre were targets of insults by followers of Andrija Arukovic outside the courtroom, where the former Croatian interior minister who is accused of mass murder and other war crimes, was facing extradition hearings.

The \$5 million bill, introduced by State Senator David A. Roberts and co-sponsored by 50 other legislators, illustrates both the centre's clout and its readiness to strike out on new paths where more traditional Jewish organizations are loath to tread.

If passed, as seems likely, the bill would represent the first known grant in California of state money to a religiously affiliated institution. The Wiesenthal Centre is part of the Yeshiva University of Los Angeles, although funded separately from the parent institution.

"The purpose of the (grant) is not to propagate any specific religion, and it's not to put money into the

coffers of any religious group," Roberts was careful to point out. "It is to educate people on the nature of hatred and of the Holocaust specifically."

RABBI MARVIN HIER, founder and dean of the centre, explained that "this will be the first museum in the world to try to explore what causes hatred, bigotry and intolerance." Its scope, he added, will encompass "the history of man's inhumanity to man, with emphasis on the history of anti-Semitism and the killing of six million Jews by the Nazis."

When completed, the Museum of Tolerance will be at the heart of a new \$35 million complex, which will be seven times larger than the centre's present facilities.

But even while basking in its most recent successes, the centre has become the target of public criticism, questioning its fund-raising methods, its trashy ways of upstaging more established Jewish organizations, and its alleged use of the Holocaust as a publicity ploy.

The first salvo was fired in a 13-page article in the *Baltimore Jewish Times*, written by editor Gary

Rosenblatt. He summarized the article's theme in the headline "The Simon Wiesenthal Centre: State-of-the-art activism or Hollywood hype?"

The second and harsher critique came from the respected Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith in response to a fund-raising letter by the centre in which it was claimed that a new wave of anti-Semitism was sweeping across Europe and was "shockingly" on the rise in the United States.

In an internal memorandum, which quickly became public, the ADL characterized the centre's claims as "inaccurate," "exaggerated" and "replete with factual misstatements."

THE CENTRE, citing long-standing policy, had declined to rebut its critics publicly, but its case was presented extensively in two succeeding issues of the Los Angeles Jewish weekly *Heritage*, by its editor Herb Brin.

Even its critics do not deny that measured by popular support, money raised and broad visibility, the centre has been a true American success story.

This success, and its motivating personality, are embodied in Rabbi Hier, a 50-year-old Orthodox rabbi born in New York, who, after 16 years as spiritual leader of a synagogue in Vancouver, British Columbia, moved to Los Angeles in 1976.

With support from wealthy Canadian backers, he established the Yeshiva University of Los Angeles (YULA), later complemented by a high school (YULA has some educational, but no financial or administrative, ties to the better-known Yeshiva University of New York).

Shortly before opening YULA in 1977, Hier conceived the idea of a Holocaust centre. He flew to Vienna to enlist the name and support of Nazi-hunter Simon Wiesenthal, and one year later the Wiesenthal Centre for Holocaust Studies was formally opened. The last three words in the name have since been dropped to reflect the centre's broader scope and interests.

A few months later, the long-planned and long-delayed Martyrs Memorial and Museum of the Holocaust was dedicated by the official Jewish Federation Council of Los Angeles, three kilometres away from the Wiesenthal Centre. Many established Jewish community leaders did not take kindly to the "competition" by the upstart New York rabbi and the resentment has abated little over the years.

PUSHING AHEAD. Hier claims to have enlisted some 250,000 donors members to his cause over the past seven years, making the centre one of the largest Jewish organizations in the world.

It has also become one of the best known. The centre spearheaded the boycott against CBS-TV for casting Vanessa Redgrave, the pro-PLO actress, as the Holocaust heroine in *Playing for Time*; it led the national campaign against Germany's statute of limitations on Nazi war criminals; and it built the deeds and disappearance of Raoul Wallenberg, the wartime Swedish diplomat, into an international cause célèbre.

Hier's proudest moment came in 1982, when the film *Genocide*, produced by the centre at a cost of \$3 million and narrated by Orson Welles and Elizabeth Taylor, won the Hollywood Academy Award for the year's best documentary feature.

The centre's media exposure has been broadened by Hier's impressive ability to gain access to most of the leaders of the Western world at well-publicized meetings in Washington, London, Paris and the Vatican.

HOW DOES Hier do it? Rosenblatt of the *Baltimore Jewish Times* has one supporter of the centre describe Hier as "half-yeshivah and half-Disneyland. He's fascinated with pinball machines and he reminds me of a human pinball, careering from one extreme to the other with lights flashing and bells ringing."

Neither his *modus operandi* nor his reputation as a tough in-fighter have endeared Hier to everybody. Few will criticize him openly, but the centre's penchant for glorifying their events with bevy of glamorous Hollywood stars, for high-pressure direct mail solicitations, and for moving into the territory of older Jewish defence organizations has offended many sensibilities. Serious academicians have criticized the centre for employing scare tactics, for flamboyance and for a lack of scholarship and trivializing the true dimensions of the Holocaust.

Hier ascribes all criticism to his detractors' jealousy: "We're Ortho-

dox," he declares. "We're mavericks, and we're successful."

Few will argue with the latter assessment.

FASTS TO PROTEST the Soviet treatment of Jews are no longer considered major news, but there was something unusual about both the location and the participants in the one-day fast conducted at the Deuel Vocational Institution in central California.

The institution is a state prison and those who joined in the protest included 18 Jewish and eight non-Jewish inmates. In addition, inmates donated money taken out of their prison trust funds.

Organizer of the fast was the prison chaplain, Rabbi Samuel Graudenz, who had shown videotapes of Soviet Jewish life at weekly prayer meetings.

Most of the Jewish prisoners, said Graudenz, are incarcerated "for the usual Jewish crimes of embezzlement and, unfortunately, drugs." Some of the gentle participants in the fast are serving life sentences for violent crimes, according to Graudenz.

RECENT SERVICES at Congregation B'nai Emenah were led by the first father-daughter rabbinical team in San Francisco, and possibly the world.

Rabbi Theodore Alexander shared the pulpit of the Conservative synagogue with his daughter, Rabbi Leslie Alexander, who was ordained a year ago as a Reform rabbi.

Leslie, an only child, represents the seventh generation of rabbis in the Alexander family. Her grandfather was a rabbi in Berlin, as was her great uncle. The latter was the last practising rabbi in the German capital until he was deported by the Nazis in 1943.

AN INSTITUTE of Judaic Studies, with close ties to Tel Aviv University, has been established at the San Diego University.

Focus of the institute will be on modern Jewish history and contemporary Jewish and Israeli affairs, the institute carries the name of Bernard and Dorris Lipinsky, who donated \$250,000 towards its establishment.

A key role in organizing the Lipinsky Institute has been played by Dr. Jacob Goldberg, of the Dayan (formerly Shiloah) centre for Middle Eastern Affairs at Tel Aviv University, currently a visiting professor at the San Diego University.

Classes are expected to start in the fall under a faculty drawn from both San Diego and Tel Aviv Universities.

Puzzling piece

MUSIC/Benjamin Bar-Am

ISRAELI SINFONETTA BEERSHEBA: Menachem Rodan conducting with Anne Collins, mezzo soprano (England) (Tel Aviv Museum, March 3) Boaz Tarsi: "Big a, Recitative and Dance"; Vivaldi: "Stabat Mater"; Mahler: *Kindertotenlieder*; Beethoven: *Symphony No. 4 in B flat Major, Op. 68*.

IN THIS promising programme, only the Beethoven was really satisfying.

Boaz Tarsi's *Big a, Recitative and Dance* which received the Sinfonietta's annual prize for young Israeli composers, was puzzling. His technical know-how is impressive and he deserves credit for extremely skilful handling of the orchestra. The piece was well-prepared and Rodan's interpretation seemed to do it full justice. But as music, the piece seemed not only anachronistic, but an exact replica of what was done 70 years ago!

In the programme Tarsi notes he has written "a musical statement which attempts to free itself from post-Serialism and the avant-garde of the '60s and early '70s." Tarsi's alternative, however, is to identify totally with the post-romantic, early tonal-atonal idiom of Schoenberg and Webern. The first two movements sound incredibly similar to Schoenberg's famous *Five Pieces for Orchestra*, Op. 16 (1912) and even more so like Webern's *Six Pieces for Orchestra*, Op. 6 (1909).

Vivaldi, as everyone knows, wrote a tremendous amount of music, little

of which interests us today. *Stabat Mater* is so weak and monotonous, so empty of invention, that only a genius could make it acceptable to a modern listener. Rodan seemed unemployed almost throughout the whole work, but mezzo soprano Anne Collins could have contributed something. Her monotonous (apparently "pious") vocal line, without the slightest change of timbre or expression, made the empty composition that much more boring.

Mahler's *Kindertotenlieder* should have a shattering effect, but this performance did not even touch the listener. Anne Collins, though undoubtedly better than in the Vivaldi, did not grasp the tragedy. Her voice lacked convincing volume, inner strength and meaningfulness. It was anything but idiomatic Mahler.

As to the orchestra, Mahler's intricate, mostly staccato textures are beyond the technical capabilities of the Sinfonietta. The sound was raw, lacking musical subtlety and expressiveness.

Beethoven's "Fourth," however, was highly impressive, demonstrating convincingly the orchestra's undeniable assets. The rest of the concert seemed to justify the Sinfonietta and Mendi Rodan receiving the annual Leah Porat prize for music, awarded by the Public Council for Culture and Art.

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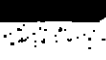
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Senseless killing

THE KILLING of 12 Israeli soldiers barely 100 metres north of Metulla by a suicidal Shi'ite fanatic - who may have originally intended to blow up his truck inside the village itself - shocking and tragic as it is, is not entirely surprising. A similar such attempt against an army convoy was narrowly thwarted just a few days earlier.

The incident has heightened the debate over the pace of Israel's withdrawal. And yesterday's army action against Shi'ite villages, though apparently planned before Sunday's attack at Metulla, has also sharpened the question of whether the "hard fist" policy can stem Shi'ite hostility or whether it will only deepen it for the future.

Two main reasons have been cited publicly to explain why an accelerated withdrawal is out of the question. First it is said to be logistically impossible. This is the view of the defence establishment, and has been enunciated by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin. The second reason, voiced also by Mr. Peres, is that Israel must not be seen to be speeding up its withdrawal because of pressure. For this would embolden the terrorists in the future.

Military logistics, do, of course, involve the factor of time. The army must make the calculation. Yet the question must also be asked whether the matter could not be treated more flexibly by the IDF's famous improvisers?

As for the psychological impact of an accelerated exit, this is not something which Israel, with its strong army need be overly concerned about. It should be remembered that Mr. Reagan too, grandly declared that the U.S. Marines would not be pulled out of Beirut under pressure, for fear of the impact on America's standing in the Middle East. But six weeks later he changed his mind and America's standing has not suffered.

Moreover, the government seems somehow to feel that the pace of withdrawal is a matter that requires public pronouncement. Governments can after all take military decisions which they do not have to shout from the roof tops. It is only the penchant for declarations that makes withdrawal a question of image.

That penchant is an outcome of the internal political tussle between the Likud and the Alignment. The ministers should, therefore, summon the maturity to place the withdrawal question beyond their political desire to impress their constituencies, whatever side of the question they happen to espouse.

Obviously, for as long as Israel's army is in Lebanon it must defend itself. The soldiers cannot be sitting ducks. That is dangerous and demoralizing. The army has little choice, therefore, but to take stiff measures. But the cost of that can also not be overlooked, namely the Shi'ite Golem we raise for the future.

In this no-win situation, the highest priority is to make certain that the withdrawal schedule is, in fact, the most rapid that is logistically feasible.

A bad case

THE EMBLEM of Israel's postal service is the deer. It should be the tortoise. Long-timers sigh when they recall the speed with which the mails used to be delivered in the times of the British, and even the Turks. Today, sending a letter from one end of a Jerusalem street to the other may be the equivalent of casting one's bread upon the water.

Plainly, something must be done to improve this sorry state of affairs. During the four years in which the present postal director has been in office matters have not improved; they have worsened. This naturally leads to thoughts for the need of change at the top.

This not too original thought has, indeed, occurred to the director-general of the Ministry of Communications, Yoram Alster. Mr. Alster has a programme of reform in mind for the postal service, but he does not wish the present postal director, Eitan Lachman, to preside over it. Presumably for good reason.

Mr. Lachman, however, disagrees, and rather than gracefully bow out and try to prove his mettle in some other assignment, he is raising a furor which is getting his name to the headlines. He claims that his dismissal - which in effect is just an ordinary bureaucratic replacement - is politically motivated. And the Civil Servants' Union is backing him up. It has declared a labour dispute for his protection.

What is the proof of this allegation? There is no proof. Mr. Alster, a Shinui party leader, like the minister of communications, Amnon Rubinstein, is not even planning to appoint a Shinui party member to the job. Had he done so, it still would not necessarily have proved a political motive; but he is careful to forestall the charge.

The only relevant issue concerns Mr. Lachman's suitability and whether he retains the confidence of his superiors. Obviously he does not. By what right then does he insist on holding on? Is his job to be considered a property right? His to hold until he deigns otherwise? That only makes a mockery of the public service, and especially the higher echelons.

The citizenry pays taxes to obtain services, not to create sinecures.

The matter will now be decided by the Tel Aviv Labour Court. But it is regrettable that the Civil Servants' Union should, in the meantime, have lent the mantle of comradely solidarity where it has no place.

FUNERALS

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of 11 children, three others of whom are serving in the IDF, he was inducted only two months ago. His father, Nissim, said Kaddish at the graveside.

Almost all the residents of Migdal Ha'emek and many people from surrounding areas were at the funeral of Sergeant-Major Avraham Buzaglo, Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz, one of the mourners, said: "God takes the best young men from us in order that they may expiate for the people of Israel."

In Holon, Chief of the General Staff Rafi Aluf Moshe Levy was among many attending the burial of Staff Sergeant Ephraim Michael, 28. The dead man's father said: "This is the tragedy of our generation, that fathers must say Kaddish for their sons."

Michael was a reservist, and was about to finish his studies for a BA in sociology at Tel Aviv University. He is survived by his parents, two brothers and a sister.

Private Shlomo Nagar, 19, was laid to rest in Hadera. "Why did you leave us so soon?" his mother cried before fainting and being taken home on a stretcher. Nagar was graduated from the Amal technical school in his hometown before going into the IDF. He had served 1½ years, the entire period in Lebanon. In Kiryat Shmona, thousands fol-

lowed the coffin of Staff Sergeant Yitzhak Shahar, 22. A regular-army soldier, Shahar is survived by his parents, two brothers and three sisters. The rabbi of Kiryat Shmona, Zephaniah Drori, said at the graveside: "We must continue with the Iron Fist against terrorists; we must cut the head off the snake."

Corporal Ofer Dayan, 19, was buried in Haifa. He had served in the Ordnance Corps and his comrades said that he set an example with his volunteer spirit. He is survived by his parents and two brothers.

In Kiryat Shaul, hundreds of people attended the burial of Corporal Zafir Segal, 20. A resident of Bnei Brak, he had served in the Ordnance Corps after completing an Ort course. His commander praised Segal's energy and devotion, and Bnei Brak Mayor Moshe Edelson said: "We part from you with broken hearts."

At Mt. Herzl in Jerusalem, family members and friends were joined by MK Haim Druckman, Mayor Teddy Kollek, Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein and Minister without Portfolio Yosef Shapira and hundreds of others at the funeral of Staff Sergeant Haim Avner.

A reservist, Avner attended a yeshiva after completing his regular army service. He is survived by his parents, a brother and two sisters. (Itan)

THE EUROPEAN Community stands on the brink of the completion of its second enlargement, started with the accession of Greece in 1979, by the accession of Spain and Portugal, this year or next. The accession to the community of these two states, and in particular of Spain, presents Israel with serious problems.

Diplomacy between the Hebrews and the Europeans has been enthusiastically conducted since the Second Century BC, when Judas Maccabeus concluded a treaty with Rome. Recent history supplies further points of contact between Europe and the modern Jewish state. Zionism was essentially a European movement, and the first pioneers were mainly European Jews. Nor should it be forgotten that one of the important motivations of the founders of the European Community was the reestablishment of Germany as a European power, a factor of special importance to a state so intimately connected with the atrocities of the Second World War.

The combination of this historical background with the suitability of Israel's sub-tropical produce for the North European market explains why Israel began a dialogue with the European Economic Community in the summer of 1957, some months before the community was officially in existence, and why Israel was the third country in the world to formalize diplomatic relations with the new community. The first trade agreement between Israel and the community was signed in 1964, and relations have passed through several stages to the signing of a free trade agreement in 1975.

The current situation bears striking similarities to that of a decade ago. Before 1975, the Europeans

Opportunity with the European Community

By EDWARD MILLER

had been unwilling to consider Israel as an equal trading partner, and had preferred to grant piecemeal concessions and preferences. A change in European attitude was brought about by skillful use by the Israeli negotiators of the accession to the community of three new states, Britain, Ireland, and Denmark - the first enlargement.

The Europeans were persuaded that the inclusion of three new parties with which Israel had already established strong commercial ties necessitated a move to closer ties and the recognition (requested by Israel from the start) of Israel as a mature, developed and equal partner, or in the words of one European diplomat, "a member of the club."

Today, due to the combined effect of favourable trade terms and highly developed techniques, Israel is able to sell its fruit and flowers on the European market more cheaply than the competing Spanish produce. Not so when Spain becomes a full member of the community and enjoys internal community revenues according to the preferential protectionist prices fixed in Brussels for the internal market. Although industrial trade between the EC and Israel will soon be completely free, Israel merely enjoys concessions in the

agricultural sector, the benefit of which will be overridden by Spanish membership. The imminence of the replacement of Israeli by European produce is so clear that investors have already started snapping up land in Spain to cultivate flowers for sale in Amsterdam from the moment of Spanish membership. Who are the investors? Saudi Arabia.

CLEARLY Israel must negotiate as hard as it can to avoid the loss of its most important market to the only state in Western Europe that has not paid Israel the minimum courtesy of diplomatic recognition. The Foreign Ministry stresses the importance of early and full talks with the Europeans. The aim of Israeli policy, according to current opinion, and demonstrated in Shamir's recent trip, should be to ensure the maintenance of the status quo regarding the volume of exports to Europe. The Europeans must guarantee the current volume of trade, for the unleashing of the full effects of the fundamental and unilateral change in market conditions brought on by the accession of the two new states would be a breach of the inherent reciprocity in the 1975 Free Trade Agreement. The current approach is both

naive and inadequate. In the first place, a few preliminary enquiries in Brussels soon reveal that the EC is not ready to talk seriously to Israel, or to any other non-member, about the accession of Spain and Portugal until negotiations have finished with the two candidate states themselves. In other words not until they are already members of the community. In any case, does Israel really expect the Europeans to protect Israeli exports in preference to produce of one of its own members? Israel may be a "member of the club," but it is not a member of the community.

This is the very heart of the Israeli position. The idea of Israeli membership in the European Community had some followers in the early days, but has now fallen by the wayside. Quite rightly so, as Israel is not a European country, and would be unsuitable for full membership. However, just as Israeli diplomats were quick to grasp the opportunity of a change in European market conditions to obtain a closer relationship with the Europeans in 1975, they should now be pressing, not for the maintenance of any status quo, which has next to no chance of being obtained, but for a comprehensive association agreement within the community.

The status of associated country was originally designed for candidate states, but has now become accepted for non-candidates; too. It is the most intimate relationship with the community apart from membership, and can include, in addition to free trade, wide economic and technological cooperation. Although at least one Israeli diplomat who was involved in European-Israeli relations at the highest level for many years has expressed his support for Israeli association with the community, current occupants of the European Office at the Foreign Ministry have no enthusiasm for the idea at all.

This is doubly tragic, as there are clear indications that the Europeans may be somewhat receptive to the idea. Although the political climate in the Middle East is enough to discourage even the most pro-Israel occupants of the European corridors of power from signing a full association agreement with Israel as such, one high source indicated that it would not be impossible to envisage the conclusion of a new agreement with Israel, which would be an association agreement in everything but name.

Israel's diplomats must try to learn from the history of only a decade ago. Transfer of Israeli production from agriculture to industry and high tech is inevitable in the face of the impending changes in the character of the European market, and is already well underway. Striving to maintain any status quo is short-sighted, and constitutes a waste of valuable opportunity to ensure the continuous revitalization of the unique and intimate ties the course of history has established between the Jewish state and Europe.

The writer is a graduate of the Institute of European Studies in Brussels.

A matter of respect

By PAUL KOHN

The occasional dealings may be over the most minor things, but together add up to give the police its image.

The other day I was left wondering whether the non-commissioned officers in the force are taught anything about public relations in addition to learning about enforcing law and order and issuing tickets. I was driving to Jerusalem, appreciating the sight of several police patrol cars on the highway; their very presence, no doubt, reminding drivers to keep within speed limits.

One such stationary patrol car did a U-turn and drove behind me, its blue lights flickering. I glanced at my speedometer, which showed as usual that I was driving within the 90 km. speed limit. I continued to listen to Handel's *Water Music*, which is

soothing and conducive to relaxed driving.

Still the patrol car, blue lights flashing, followed close behind, perhaps for five or six kilometres. And then it all happened. From the police Ford, a loudspeaker blared: "You in the Talbot, stop at the side of the road!"

"Hey, that's me," I thought to myself. I did as commanded.

"Come to me with your licences," came another brusque command.

A ROUTINE check, I presumed. One has to go through that too sometimes. Without so much as a word, the uniformed sergeant studied my documents. "Is this a routine check?" I ventured. "No, sir!"

"So why did you stop me?" "Because you are driving with one of your bulbs burnt out."

An on-the-spot check showed the police sergeant to be right. Both left and right small lights were all right, as were the two headlights. But the right medium bulb had blown.

In the country I come from, in such a situation, the policeman would inform you of the failing and suggest you get it fixed next morning. He would wish you a good journey. You would respond "Thank you, officer." A policeman like that earns your respect.

On the road to Jerusalem, First Sergeant Razan issues you a ticket for IS14,400. For most wage-earners that is between 5 and 10 per cent of their net earnings a month. My

daughter in the army does not earn that amount in a month. An outlay like that hurts.

A suggestion that the bulb might have blown during that journey, and if it had, there was not much a driver could do, about it after the auto electricians are closed, fell on deaf ears. "Mister, you broke the law," Sergeant Razan informed me.

The law is the law. But in determining what is to be done about a minor infringement, there is leeway. Surely handing out a stiff fine callously to an otherwise law-abiding citizen takes a toll in goodwill - affecting one's image of the police as a whole. Must every innocent misdemeanour result in a fine? Is there no sense of proportion between "the crime" and the fine? Perhaps, more important, Minister Bar-Lev and his new slate of police chiefs might spare a few thoughts on having our policemen remember that they are dealing with fellow citizens. Respect is the word.

It works both ways.

READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir - David L. Solomon, in his letter of February 28, accuses me of denying Americans the right to criticize Israel (in my article, "Helping Israel from within"). I did nothing of the sort. I attacked American Jewish bodies explicitly for trying to interfere physically in the practical functioning of Israel's internal affairs.

As for the Moral Majority, Mr. Solomon was evidently so enraged by my daring to comment on the issue that he appears not to have read properly what I wrote. I wrote that Rev. Falwell's views are "legitimate subjects for debate" and that there are Jews on both sides, but that it was objectionable for Americans to dictate to Israel the rejection of Falwell's friendship because they happen to oppose his policies on

THE RIGHT TO CRITICIZE

American domestic affairs. (On this, Mr. Solomon describes me as "castigating the American Jewish community's position on the Moral Majority.")

On Jewish reactions to the idea of school prayers, I expressed my opinion. I did not announce the creation of a fund or an Israeli organization to promote, or prevent, prayers in U.S. schools - the kind of interference some American Jews are planning to conduct in Israel. Mr. Solomon would do well to study the difference.

Support for the principle of separation of church from state (which incidentally I share) does not justify the hysteria of some Jews on the subject. In calling the issue a storm in a teacup, I was understating. Behind it, in the case of many of them, is no small measure of hypocrisy.

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